GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:302
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2002
SUPPLY OF WHEAT TO AFGHANISTAN
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY;RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat so far supplied to Afghanistan by India and the terms of conditions of supply;

(b) whether the quality of the wheat supplied was poor;

(c) whether any complaint was received in this regard;

(d) if so, whether the Indian Government propose to take up the matter with World Food Programme Organisation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): The Government has committed to offer humanitarian assistance including provision of10 lakh MTs of wheat to internally and externally displaced Afghans and others in need. The Government is in touch with various UN agencies including the World Food Programme, to work out the modalities for sending the above assistance.

(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f): No wheat has been supplied so far.